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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: REGLAMENTOS FOR NEW FISHING LAW

1. TOBY ZETTLER RETURNED AFTERNOON OF MAY 16 FROM TRIP TO MANTA TO
STIMULATE INTEREST FOR FISH CATALOG SHOW. WHILE IN MANTA HE TALKED
WITH GONZALEZ (DEL MONTE) AND CHACON (INEPACA) AND HE BROUGHT BACK
OPTIMISTIC NEWS CONCERNING THE REGLAMENTOS FOR THE NEW FISH LAW.
THE NEWS AT THE MOMENT IS THAT THE REGLAMENTOS WILL NOT CONTAIN ANY
WEIGHT LIMITATION ON FOREIGN FLAG TUNA VESSELS. THERE WILL,
HOWEVER, BE A SEPARATE EDICT ISSUED BY THE CONSEJO NACIONAL DE
DESARROLLO PESQUERO. THIS "RESOLUTION" (AS TERMED BY GONZALEZ) OR
"SUB-REGLAMENTO" (AS TERMED BY TOBY AND ME) WILL PROHIBIT FOREIGN
FLAG VESSELS LARGER THAN 500 NET REGISTERED TONS FROM FISHING IN
ECUADOREAN-CLAIMED TERRITORIAL WATERS.

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2. THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT A REGLAMENTO HAS THE SAME FORCE OF LAW AS A PRESIDENTIAL DECREE AND TO BE CHANGED AN EDICT SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT MUST BE ISSUED. A "RESOLUTION" OR "SUB-REGLAMENTO" MAY BE CHANGED BY THE CNDP, IS MUCH EASIER TO AMEND, AND DOES NOT REQUIRE PRESIDENTIAL ACTION. GONZALEZ BELIEVES THAT THE REMOVAL OF WEIGHT LIMITATIONS FROM THE REGLAMENTOS THEMSELVES IS A VERY POSITIVE STEP FORWARD. (THE MAY 8 DRAFT OF THE REGLAMENTOS AND THE RESOLUTION OF THE CNDP ARE BEING POUCHED TO QUITO EVENING OF MAY 16.)

3. THE DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE CNDP CONTAINS FOLLOWING FIVE ARTICLES CONCERNING FOREIGN FLAG VESSELS:

A. NO FACTORY SHIPS PERMITTED (AGAINST THE POLISH).

B. NO BOTTOM FISHING (AGAINST ALL FOREIGN FLAG VESSELS FISHING FOR SHRIMP WHICH TEND TO DESTROY OTHER SPECIES AS WELL).

C. NO LICENSES WILL BE SOLD TO FOREIGN FLAG VESSELS OF 500 NET REGISTERED TONS OR MORE.

D. NO LONG-LINE FISHING WITHIN 80 MILES OF THE COAST (AGAINST JAPANESE).

E. ANY FOREIGN FLAG VESSEL ASSOCIATED WITH AN ECUADOREAN ENTERPRISE IS EXEMPTED FROM THE RESTRICTIONS OF ITEMS A THROUGH D, ABOVE.

4. CAPT. DE CORBETA UN GILBERTO ABARCA VILLAVICENCIO, CAPITAN DEL PUERTO Y JEFE CIVIL Y MILITAR DE MANTA, TOLD ZETTLER THAT IN HIS PERSONAL OPINION THERE WOULD BE NO CONFISCATION OF CATCH EVEN IF BOAT SEIZURES TOOK PLACE. HE SAID THAT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE U.S. FISHING INDUSTRY AND THE U.S. NAVY WAS GOOD AT PRESENT AND IN ADDITION "THE U.S. NAVAL MISSION IS COMING BACK".

5. COMMENT: I MUST SAY THAT IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO SEND YOU OPTIMISTIC NEWS FOR A CHANGE.

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